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Office Action Summary

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DAUDELIN ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 18-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-17, and 23-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1 and 18 are objected to because of the following informalities: all occurrences of "composite fingerprint *for* the subscriber station" should be "composite fingerprint *of* the subscriber station" for clarity. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 24 is objected to because of the following informalities: on line 3, all text after "area." should be deleted. It appears to be the beginning of claim 25. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Barrere et al., US Patent Number 5,715,518 (hereinafter Barrere).

Regarding claim 1, Barrere discloses a method for monitoring whether a subscriber station is operating in an authorized area, the method comprising: monitoring an operational composite fingerprint for the subscriber station; and comparing the operational composite fingerprint to a characteristic composite fingerprint for the

subscriber station to determine if the subscriber station is operating within the authorized area [abstract; col. 2: lines 42-67; col. 7: lines 8-36].

Regarding claim 2, Barrere discloses prior to the comparing step, the step of defining the characteristic composite fingerprint for the subscriber station associated with operating in an authorized area [col. 2: lines 42-67; col. 7: lines 8-36].

Regarding claim 18, Barrere discloses a system for monitoring whether a subscriber station is operating in an authorized area, comprising: a monitor for monitoring an operational composite fingerprint for the subscriber station; and a processor for comparing the operational composite fingerprint to a characteristic composite fingerprint for a subscriber station to determine if the subscriber station is operating in an authorized area [abstract; col. 2: lines 42-67; col. 7: lines 8-36].

Regarding claim 19, Barrere discloses a storage device for storing the characteristic composite fingerprint for a subscriber station associated with operating in an authorized area [col. 2: lines 42-67; col. 7: lines 8-36].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hilsenrath et al., US Patent Number 6,026,304.

Regarding claim 1, Hilsenrath discloses a method for monitoring where a subscriber station is operating, the method comprising: monitoring an operational composite fingerprint for the subscriber station [col. 4: lines 40-50]; and comparing the operational composite fingerprint to a characteristic composite fingerprint to determine where the subscriber station is operating [col. 4: lines 56-67].

What Hilsenrath does not specifically disclose is that the monitoring is done to determine if the subscriber station is in an authorized area. However, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include this feature. The motivation for this modification, as suggested by Hilsenrath [col. 12: lines 64-66] would have been to track the subscriber station for location-based billing and/or prevention of cellular fraud by making sure the subscriber is in an authorized area. Hilsenrath also does not specifically disclose that the characteristic composite fingerprint is for the subscriber station. Hilsenrath discloses that the characteristic composite fingerprint is compiled using a calibration mobile. However, it would have been obvious to use signals from the subscriber station to preserve system resources by not having to involve a second device.

Regarding claim 2, Hilsenrath discloses prior to the comparing step, the step of defining the characteristic composite fingerprint for the subscriber station associated with operating in an authorized area [col. 4: lines 58-62].

Regarding claim 3, Hilsenrath suggests the defining step comprises organizing a first histogram of observations of propagational delays associated with a reverse link

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transmission of the subscriber station from the authorized area [col. 7: line 66 – col. 8: line 14].

6. Claims 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hilsenrath.

Regarding claim 18, Hilsenrath discloses a system for monitoring where a subscriber station is operating comprising: a monitor for monitoring an operational composite fingerprint for the subscriber station [col. 4: lines 40-50]; and a processor for comparing the operational composite fingerprint to a characteristic composite fingerprint to determine where the subscriber station is operating [col. 4: lines 56-67].

What Hilsenrath does not specifically disclose is that the monitoring is done to determine if the subscriber station is in an authorized area. However, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include this feature. The motivation for this modification, as suggested by Hilsenrath [col. 12: lines 64-66] would have been to track the subscriber station for location-based billing and/or prevention of cellular fraud by making sure the subscriber is in an authorized area.

Hilsenrath also does not specifically disclose that the characteristic composite fingerprint is for the subscriber station. Hilsenrath discloses that the characteristic composite fingerprint is compiled using a calibration mobile. However, it would have been obvious to use signals from the subscriber station to preserve system resources by not having to involve a second device.

Regarding claim 19, Hilsenrath discloses a storage device for storing the characteristic composite fingerprint for a subscriber station associated with operating in an authorized area [col. 4: lines 56-62].

Regarding claim 20, Hilsenrath discloses an antenna monitor for monitoring the number of temporally offset receive signals, originating from a transmission of the subscriber station, incident upon each distinct uplink antenna set of a base station [fig. 4: ref. 76; col. 6: lines 12-23].

Regarding claim 21, Hilsenrath discloses the monitor comprises a propagational delay measurer for measuring the propagational delays of temporally offset receive signals originating from a transmission of the subscriber station [col. 4: lines 48-50; col. 7: line 66 – col. 8: line 4].

Regarding claim 22, Hilsenrath suggests the characteristic composite fingerprint includes a first histogram of observations of propagational delays associated with a reverse link transmission of the subscriber station from the authorized area [col. 7: line 66 – col. 8: line 14].

7. Claims 1, 2, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over prior art made of record in the previous Office Action, Rao et al., US Patent Number 6,269,246 (hereinafter Rao).

Regarding claim 1, Rao discloses a method for monitoring where a subscriber station is operating, the method comprising: monitoring an operational composite fingerprint for the subscriber station; and comparing the operational composite

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fingerprint to a characteristic composite fingerprint for the subscriber station to determine where the subscriber station is operating [col. 1: lines 43-54; col. 4: lines 22-32; col. 6: lines 34-36]

What Rao does not specifically disclose is that the monitoring is done to determine if the subscriber station is in an authorized area. However, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include this feature. The motivation for this modification would have been to track the subscriber station for location-based billing and/or prevention of cellular fraud by making sure the subscriber is in an authorized area.

Regarding claim 2, Rao discloses prior to the comparing step, the step of defining the characteristic composite fingerprint for the subscriber station associated with operating in an authorized area [col. 4: lines 22-32; col. 6: lines 34-36].

Regarding claim 18, Rao discloses a system for monitoring where a subscriber station is operating comprising: a monitor for monitoring an operational composite fingerprint for the subscriber station; and a processor for comparing the operational composite fingerprint for the subscriber station to a characteristic composite fingerprint to determine where the subscriber station is operating [col. 1: lines 43-54; col. 4: lines 22-32; col. 6: lines 34-36]

What Rao does not specifically disclose is that the monitoring is done to determine if the subscriber station is in an authorized area. However, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include this feature. The motivation for this modification would have been to track the subscriber

station for location-based billing and/or prevention of cellular fraud by making sure the subscriber is in an authorized area

Regarding claim 19, Rao discloses a storage device for storing the characteristic composite fingerprint for a subscriber station associated with operating in an authorized area [col. 4: lines 22-32; col. 6: lines 34-36].

Allowable Subject Matter

8. The indicated allowability of claims 3 and 22 are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Hilsenrath. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) are above.

9. Claims 4-17 and 23-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Regarding claims 4-6, and 23-25, prior art does not suggest or render obvious defining a characteristic composite fingerprint comprising organizing histograms of antenna observations per antenna set, organizing a probability density function, or grouping propagational delay factors based on pseudo-random codes. Regarding claims 7-11, prior art does not suggest or render obvious incrementing antenna set counters and counter bins associated with corresponding observations in a first histogram of propagational delays and in a second histogram of antenna observations. Regarding claims 12-15, prior art does not suggest or render obvious determining whether a histogram of propagational delay factors fall

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within a propagational delay mask; and determining whether a histogram of measured observations of antenna sets fall within an antenna mask. Regarding claims 16 and 17, prior art does not suggest or render obvious determining if a second statistical representation exceeds a maximum outside prominent characteristic of measured observations of propagational delays.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erika A. Gary whose telephone number is 703-308-0123. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost can be reached on 703-305-4778. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4750 or to the 2600 Customer Service Office at 703-306-0377.

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